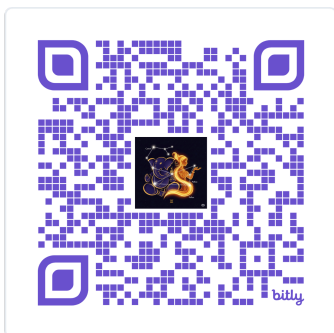




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**This video features Congressman Dennis
Kucinich delivering a speech titled "Prayer
for America."**

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Here's a breakdown of the key points:

Introduction of [Dennis Kucinich](#):

- He is described as a dynamic, visionary leader of the Progressive Caucus in Congress. [[00:01](#)]
- He is committed to peace, human rights, and has proposed a federal Department of Peace. [[00:10](#)]
- He opposes the weaponization of outer space and supports the abolition of nuclear weapons. [[00:24](#)]
- He is a strong supporter of universal healthcare and campaign finance reform. [[00:36](#)]

Kucinich's Speech - "Prayer for America":

- Core Message: The speech is presented as a prayer for the country, emphasizing love of democracy, hope, and the enduring nature of freedom. [[02:55](#)]
- Freedom and Fear: He posits that freedom stirs the human heart while fear stills it, and that a free people cannot simultaneously walk in fear and faith. [[03:24](#)]
- Unity and Interconnectedness: Kucinich speaks of a deeper truth in the unity of the United States, extending to the union of all people everywhere. He highlights global interconnectedness not just economically, but through human consciousness and the shared desire to be free. [[03:44](#)]
- Challenge to the Patriot Act: A significant portion of the speech is dedicated to challenging the rationale of the Patriot Act. [[04:28](#)]

- He questions the justification for setting aside constitutional guarantees. [\[04:36\]](#)
- He specifically critiques the perceived cancellation of:
 - The First Amendment (free speech, peaceful assembly). [\[04:46\]](#)
 - The Fourth Amendment (probable cause, protection against unreasonable search and seizure). [\[04:53\]](#)
 - The Fifth Amendment (due process, protection against indefinite incarceration without trial). [\[05:01\]](#)
 - The Sixth Amendment (right to a prompt and public trial). [\[05:10\]](#)
 - The Eighth Amendment (protection against cruel and unusual punishment). [\[05:18\]](#)
- He condemns widespread wiretaps, internet surveillance without judicial supervision, secret searches, and giving the Attorney General power to designate domestic terror groups. [\[05:18\]](#)
- He criticizes giving the FBI access to all types of data and the CIA ability to target people for domestic intelligence. [\[05:36\]](#)
- He argues against a government that takes away the right to privacy while assuming total secrecy for its own operations. [\[06:01\]](#)
- He humorously notes the Attorney General covering a statue of Lady Justice, implying justice is not being exposed by the

administration. [\[06:06\]](#)

- **Fear in the Capital:** Kucinich asserts that there is great fear in the capital, which impacts Congress's ability to function. [\[06:30\]](#)
 - He recounts instances that fueled this fear:
 - Evacuation of the capital on September 11th. [\[06:45\]](#)
 - Another evacuation due to a bomb scare during a CIA briefing. [\[06:53\]](#)
 - Abandoning Washington during the anthrax scare. [\[07:02\]](#)
 - The Attorney General declaring a nationwide terror alert before introducing the Patriot Bill. [\[07:11\]](#)
 - The release of Bin Laden tapes coinciding with the withdrawal from the ABM treaty. [\[07:28\]](#)
 - He describes the current atmosphere with cordoned-off areas, armed National Guardsmen, and concrete barriers as "trappings of a state of siege" that trap them in fear. [\[07:37\]](#)
- **Critique of Leadership:** He concludes this portion by stating that being trapped in a state of fear makes them ill-equipped to deal with the "patriot games, the mind games, the war games of an unelected president and his undisclosed vice president." [\[08:08\]](#)

The video also includes Kucinich singing verses from "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," "The Star-Spangled Banner," and "America the Beautiful" at the beginning of his speech. [\[01:39\]](#)



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Part 2

<https://archive.org/details/kucinichs-post-9-11-prayer-for-america-a-radical-vision-for-peace-and-security>

This video features a speech by Dennis Kucinich titled "Prayer for America," delivered after September 11th. In it, he expresses significant concerns about the direction of U.S. foreign policy and military spending.

Here's a summary of his evaluation:

- **Critique of Post-9/11 Actions:** Kucinich argues that many actions taken after 9/11, such as the invasions of Iraq, Iran, and North Korea, bombing civilians in Afghanistan, and the establishment of Guantanamo Bay, were not authorized by Congress or the American people [00:45]. He also criticizes the suspension of due process, widespread surveillance, and the idea of a "War Without End" [01:20].
- **Concerns about a Permanent War Economy:** He highlights the unaccountable trillions spent by the Department of Defense, suggesting this spending fuels a military-industrial complex rather than genuinely fighting terror, and poses a risk to democracy [02:07, 03:06].
- **Call for a Different Future:** Kucinich advocates for a world free from the "terror" of social issues like hunger and

homelessness, urging policies that support democratic values and the survival of a free people [[03:39](#)].

- **Emphasis on Peace and Diplomacy:** He calls for reclaiming democratic traditions, promoting peace and nonviolence, and proposes a Department of Peace. He also suggests America should lead in banning nuclear weapons [[04:25](#), [05:15](#)].
- **Vision of America as a Global Force for Good:** Kucinich envisions the U.S. as an "axis of Hope and Faith and Peace and Freedom," interconnected with the world, leading with compassion, restraint, and a commitment to global peace and democracy [[06:49](#), [07:36](#)].

In essence, the speech is a passionate appeal for a shift from militarism to peace, diplomacy, and the upholding of democratic principles both domestically and internationally.